



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yasuo OHAMA

Application No.: 10/555,853

Filed: November 1, 2005

For: QUARTZ GLASS CRUCIBLE FOR
PULLING UP SILICON SINGLE
CRYSTAL AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURE THEREOF

Attorney Docket No.: ISH-0248

Examiner: M. J. Song

Art Unit: 1792

Confirmation No.: 4615

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits after filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination under Rule 114 and in response to the final Office Action dated December 18, 2008, the period for response being extended to June 18, 2009, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 29-43 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1-14 and 16-28 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 29-43 are newly added.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)